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1. LIBERAL AND THE FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN, D.B.
2. POSSIBLE USE OF SLAVA, THROUGH LIBERAL OR NIL  
(1945)

From: MOSCOW

To: NEW YORK

No.: 325

5 April 1945

To ANTON[i].

Reference No. 290[ii].

If [6 groups unrecovered] LIBERAL's[iii] membership of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN's ASSOCIATION [ZEMLYACHESTVO][iv] [5 groups unrecovered] and precise information about him through the leadership of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI][iv] does not exist[v]. The supposition as to the presence in [4 groups unrecovered] D.B.[vi] was reported by LIBERAL himself to the leadership of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN.

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In principle we do not object to bringing in SLAVA[vii] to participate with us and [5 groups unrecovered] NIL's[viii] material. As a final solution of the question we propose:

1. To entrust to LIBERAL or NIL,

[10 groups unrecovered]

SLAVA, having received his consent to work with us. To mention

[56 groups unrecovered]

material. It will be possible to decide the question of using him to copy NIL's material.

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Footnotes: [i] ANTON:

Leonid Romanovich KYASNIKOV, AMTORG engineer.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] LIBERAL:

Julius ROSENBERG. Formerly covername "ANTENNA".

[iv] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION,  
FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN:

Communist Party, members of the Communist Party.

[v] It is not clear what this negative qualifies. The sense of the sentence might be eg:

"no possibility exists of obtaining .... information".

or "there is no difficulty in obtaining .... information".

[vi] D.B.:

Repeated in text. Significance not known.

[vii] SLAVA:

is "GLORY".

Either a. An unidentified covername, first occurrence; or

b. Ilya Elliott WOLSTON. He had this covername in 1943, was thereafter absent in ALASKA on war service until early 1945; and it is possible that, in consequence of this, his covername may not have been included in the NEW YORK lane covername change of September 1944. He was apparently known as "SLAVA" to Jack SOBIE and Boris MORRIS as late as 1956.

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### Footnotes

Continued: [viii] NIL: is either "(RIVER) NILE" or a name such as "NEIL/NEALE"; formerly "TU..."; unidentified covernames. "TU..." / "NIL" also occurs in NEW YORK's Nos. 863 of 16 June 1944 [REDACTED], 1251 of 2 September 1944 [REDACTED] and 1657 of 27 November 1944 [REDACTED] and in MOSCOW to NEW YORK No. 200 of 6 March 1945 [REDACTED]

[ix] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhailovich FITIN.

